

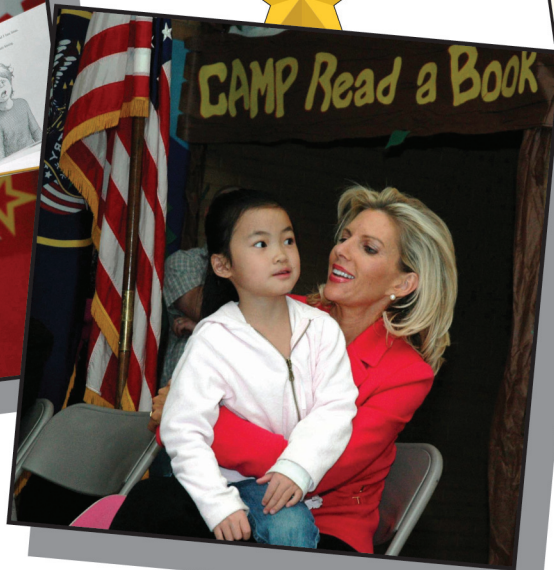
The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge 2006

Be a

STAR Reader

this Summer...

It's A Bright Thing To Do!



Dear Children, Families, and Friends,

We are thrilled that so many of you took the 2005 Summer Reading Challenge. Thank you for sending me your Family Progress Card. I appreciate the notes and letters sharing your fun reading adventures and progress. One 9-year-old boy told me the reason he took my reading challenge was because "The Governor is a very important man and if he thinks it is important for me to read, then I will do it."

I believe it is important for that young boy, and all boys and girls, to read and read well. Reading enlightens our minds, empowers our actions, and enriches our lives. Reading helps us understand the world in which we live, each other and most importantly, ourselves. Reading is the gateway skill to all other learning. And.... it is FUN!

The First Lady and I have enjoyed visiting your schools and reading with you. We love to read together as a family. As parents, we are our child's first teachers. We read aloud with Gracie, our kindergartner, for at least 20 minutes every day.

Research tells us "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children. This is especially so during the preschool years." And we need to continue reading with our children after they learn to read by themselves.

We invite every child, family, and those that serve children to take my 2006 Summer Reading Challenge. Join the Huntsman family and 'Stand Together As Readers' (STAR). The "Power Is In Us" to reach a little higher and catch the vision to STAR in our homes, schools, and communities. It is a bright thing to do!

Governor
Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.

First Lady
Mary Kaye Huntsman

THE POWER IS IN YOU.

Reading connects families, schools and communities.